



Wisconsin Ag News – Vegetables



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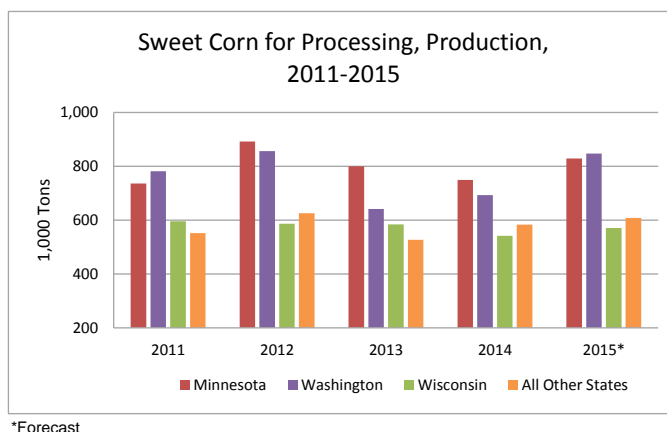
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Processing Vegetables

The 2015 production of snap beans, sweet corn, and green peas for processing is expected to increase in Wisconsin when compared with the previous year. Due to a 6 percent increase in acreage, contracted snap bean production is forecast at 320,540 tons, up from 312,280 tons last year. If realized, this will be the largest snap bean crop since 2009. Contracted sweet corn for processing production is anticipated to total 571,140 tons, up 5 percent from 2014. Production of processing green peas is predicted to jump 10 percent to 77,660 tons, which would be the largest green pea crop since 2009.



Nationally, the 2015 contracted processing production for sweet corn, green peas and snap beans are all expected to increase when compared with 2014 production. Contracted sweet corn production is forecast up 15 percent to 2.86 million tons. Contracted snap bean production, at 728,360 tons, is predicted to increase 10 percent, while production of processed green peas at 361,230 tons, is expected to be up less than 1 percent over the previous year.

Onion Production

Wisconsin's 2015 summer storage onion production is expected to be 655,000 hundredweight (cwt.) the lowest production since 2012. The number of acres harvested, 1,700, is unchanged from last year. Yield is predicted to be 385 cwt. per acre, down 17 percent from last year.

Nationally, U.S. onion growers are expecting to harvest 92,650 acres of summer storage onions in 2015, down 1 percent from last year. Yield, at 561 cwt. per acre, is forecast to be down 6 percent from 2014. As a result, total production is predicted to fall 7 percent to 52.0 million cwt.

Vegetables Acreage, Yield, & Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

Crop	Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Processing Vegetables ¹						
	acres	acres	tons	tons	tons	tons
WISCONSIN						
Green Peas	36,600	35,300	1.93	2.20	70,640	77,660
Sweet Corn	65,800	68,400	8.24	8.35	542,160	571,140
Snap Beans	64,100	68,200	4.87	4.70	312,280	320,540
UNITED STATES						
Green Peas	187,600	164,900	1.93	2.19	362,860	361,230
Sweet Corn	312,280	333,700	8.22	8.56	2,567,820	2,855,340
Snap Beans	159,070	163,970	4.28	4.44	681,240	728,360
Fresh Market Vegetables						
	acres	acres	cwt	cwt	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt
WISCONSIN						
Onions ²	1,700	1,700	465	385	791	655
UNITED STATES						
Onions ²	93,200	92,650	597	561	55,663	51,964

¹ 2015 includes contract acres only

² Summer Storage Onions only